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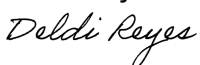
Dear Ms. Higgins:

Thank you for the letter dated December 16, 2021, notifying the California Air Resources Board (CARB) of a delay in consideration of the community emissions reduction program (CERP) for the South Los Angeles community by the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, until June 2022, rather than February 2022. We would also like to acknowledge the accompanying support letter from the South Los Angeles Community Steering Committee Co-Leads dated December 15, 2021. CARB understands that this year's circumstances, as described in your letter, have produced some challenges for the air district and the committee to overcome in implementing Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, 2017).

While AB 617 does not give CARB the authority to adjust the statutory twelve-month deadline for community emissions reduction programs, we believe the progress made to date and the letter of support from the community steering committee (CSC) co-leads, meet AB 617's intent for meaningful and community-driven action to improve air quality at the community scale. CARB staff will coordinate with the South Los Angeles CSC and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (air district) on when CARB will hold a formal hearing to consider approval of the complete community emissions reduction program once received. Please be aware that due to the length of time needed for CERP completion and the time that CARB needs to review the CERP and hold a public workshop, the earliest we may be able to schedule our formal hearing would be in August of 2022.

CARB commends the intentional approach that the South Los Angeles CSC and air district have taken to continue their work developing a community emissions reduction program. Thank you for the continued dedication the CSC and air district have shown for improving air quality for South Los Angeles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your CARB Liaison, Terry Allen, at Terry.Allen@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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